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Taxi safety first steps

TRANSPORTATION

Better training proposed as advocates, taxi industry meet



Winnipeg taxi drivers may soon find themselves undertaking new sensitivity training to ensure passengers — specifically women — feel safer in cabs.

The Winnipeg Taxicab Alliance, which represents the local cab industry, recently met with the Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO) and the Social Planning Council (SPC) to discuss ways the industry could make passengers feel safer.

Last month, an independent review of the cab industry pinpointed safety as a major concern amongst respondents.

The report said that 58 per cent of the respondents surveyed said they felt safe in a taxi, with Indigenous respondents even less likely to feel safe.

On Monday, alliance spokes-

person Michael Diamond said in the meeting, it was expressed that drivers need better training on customer service.

Together, he said, the industry wants to work with the SCO and SPC to develop an education curriculum and in-depth training plan to address concerns around passenger safety.

"One ride with any sort of level of customer service that is anything less than exceptional is not acceptable for the taxicab industry," said Diamond.

"I believe by and large taxis in Winnipeg are safe."

Through the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the Winnipeg Police Service released data showing that since 2013, there have been 39 reported cases where cab drivers were accused of sexual assault, an indecent act or other suspicious activity.

The police data lists 31 areas of the city where incidents were reported to have occurred. Five

of the 39 reported incidents happened while passengers were taking a cab in the Jefferson area. Of the 11 reported incidents in 2016, three took place in Jefferson.

"Cultural competency" needs to be a cornerstone of the new training, according to Kate Kehler, executive director of the SPC, who noted there's a "culture clash" happening between cab drivers and passengers that needs to be remedied.

She said many cab passengers are among society's most vulnerable, such as members of the Indigenous community, seniors, women with children, and newcomers.

Many drivers are also newcomers. "They're new here, they're trying very hard to get their feet under them, and they're working very hard. Oftentimes they've been given very negative stereotypes around the Indigenous community," she said.

"The problem is though because they are quite literally in

the driver's seat, they're the ones in power."

Besides new training for drivers, passengers could feel safer if a cabbie's ID was posted in a vehicle and the complaint process with police and the provincial taxicab board was streamlined so drivers could be pulled off the road faster, Diamond said.

The taxicab board did not respond to Metro's interview request by deadline.

Christine Brouzes, who administers a Facebook group that offers rides for donations, said she has seen a steady increase in women signing up for the service, which brands itself as a safe alternative to taxis.

Since the page, Ikwe (Women helping women safe ride), launched last January, she said more than 14,700 members have signed up, with around 60 volunteers providing up to 2,000 rides per month.

Besides reports of assault, Brouzes says she's heard "hundreds and hundreds" of stories from women about experiencing emotional harm from cab drivers.

"Many women have told us stories that they've been asked by the taxi driver if they want to pay 'another way,'" she said.

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ANTI-TRUMP

Groups keep up pressure



Michelle Bailey
For Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg activist Matthew Brett believes the Women's March on Washington this past weekend sparked a passion within people that won't be easily snuffed out.

"Anyone I've talked to said it was incredible to see the number of people who rallied against the serious threat to equality and women's rights in the U.S.," he said.

Brett and other members of Solidarity Winnipeg are hosting an information session, Racism doesn't stop at the border, on Tuesday at the St. Boniface Library to explore what's happening south of the border and how it relates to local issues.

"We have citizens dealing with racism, sexism and hate right here in our own community," said Brett. "Protests like the one on Saturday have really motivated people to fight for social justice and we need to keep that momentum going."

Brett cites recent comments made by Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister regarding night hunting as an example of the intolerance organizations such as his are targeting.

The Premier stated that indigenous people shouldn't be allowed to night hunt even if it's safe to do so because the policy is creating a "race war."

"When your political leaders are talking like this, you can't just sit back and not call them on it," Brett said. "The key is finding effective ways to mobilize people and have them speak out against this type of behaviour."

Brett said four guest speakers are being featured followed by an open discussion. The event begins at 7 p.m.



An activist fights the wind while walking along Flag Road in Oceti Sakowin Camp as blizzard conditions grip the area around the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in December outside Cannon Ball, N.D. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Standing Rock battle far from over: Activist

ENERGY

Tribe expects renewed fight after Trump announcement



Lucy Scholey
Metro | Winnipeg

The fight in Standing Rock is likely far from over, as the White House hinted at plans to overturn the rejection of

the Dakota Access Pipeline on Monday.

Donald Trump's press secretary reiterated the president's support for energy projects, calling pipelines like Dakota Access "a big priority."

However, Sean Spicer didn't say whether Trump would seek to reverse the Army's decision to explore alternate routes for the \$3.8-billion project to move North Dakota oil to a shipping point in Illinois.

The Standing Rock Sioux tribe and its supporters say the pipeline threatens drinking water and Native Amer-

ican cultural sites. Developer Energy Transfer Partners — which Trump once owned stock in — disputes that.

Standing Rock has faded from headlines since Dec. 4, when former president Barack Obama rejected the pipeline permit.

But a Winnipeg indigenous activist, who has made two trips south of the border to support the self-declared "water protectors" protesting the pipeline, said he expects protests will ramp up again following Monday's news.

"We can't underestimate

what Donald Trump is capable of," he told Metro. "We certainly cannot underestimate the power of a newly galvanized social movement for climate justice and indigenous rights, so we absolutely will see an escalation, not just in Standing Rock but I think across the nation."

The pipeline is nearly complete but stalled while the Army Corps of Engineers does a full environmental study before deciding whether to allow it to cross the Missouri River in North Dakota.

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POLITICS

Local NDP pushing to remove 'N'

Some Manitoba New Democrats are pushing the provincial party to change its name to rejuvenate following last year's election loss.

The NDP constituency association in Lac Du Bonnet has put forward a resolution for the party's annual convention in March to formally rebrand the Manitoba New Democratic Party as the Manitoba Democratic Party.

The association points out the party is no longer "new" after 56 years and believes a change of image could appeal to a wider audience.

"It will instill a new party identity and foster new political ideas while maintaining our grassroots philosophy," the resolution reads.

"As well, it will be easier to market and will appeal to a broader spectrum of Manitobans, including youth and community leaders."

Similar efforts have failed at the federal level. In 2009, the idea fizzled despite support from then-leader Jack Layton.

There is no guarantee this resolution will pass, or even come to a vote. Each year, only a small number of resolutions make it to the convention floor before time runs out.

In 2009, a resolution aimed at changing the provincial flag failed to beat the buzzer.

Royce Koop, who teaches political studies at the University of Manitoba, said a name change is unlikely to sway voters, and could alienate some longtime NDP volunteers and donors.

"There are very strong partisans that identify with the NDP and the party can consistently draw upon the efforts of those volunteers ... as well as upon their money."

The name-changing effort at the federal level coincided with the popularity of former United States president Barack Obama, Koop added.

"They were hoping to create a connection between this new party — the Democratic Party of Canada ... and the Democratic Party in the U.S.," he said.

"The problem is, now the Democratic Party is in rough shape itself."

Manitoba's NDP are already attempting to turn over a new leaf.

Former Premier Greg Selinger stepped down following the election night defeat that saw the party lose more than half its seats. Flor Marcelino was appointed interim leader soon afterward and a permanent replacement is to be chosen in September.

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ONLINE SALES

City brewery aims to modernize booze buying, delivery



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeggers buying booze can soon choose between the liquor store and "liquor at their door" as a new company taps an innovative retail model.

The locally-owned Shrugging Doctor Brewing Company is leveraging the retail endorsement licence attached to their manufacturer status to provide same-day delivery through online sales.

"(The legislation) states when

we make a sale, we can give it directly to the customer or deliver it," explained Willows Christopher, the company's co-founder. "We sat down with the liquor and gaming authority and went through exactly what it would take to get this done and play within the laws, obviously."

"We've made sure we are 100 per cent compliant ... now we're trying to (balance) that with being the most convenient for the customer."

To attain that highest level of convenience after launching Friday, Jan. 27, the Shrugging Doctor delivery crew will already be

made up of 10 drivers and three dispatchers.

Christopher said for a flat rate of \$4.99, the service will deliver liquor to any door city-wide in 60 minutes or less between 6 p.m. and midnight from Thursday to Sunday.

To begin, Shrugging Doctor will deliver their own products exclusively, but Christopher said this shouldn't strike customers as a limitation because before even considering delivery, the company is all about "unique products" with a local twist.

Their flagship product is a sugar wine, they're working on

a "sweet mead" made with Manitoban honey, a saskatoon berry wine made with berries grown just outside of Winnipeg, and a variety of coolers and ciders.

Christopher explained the ordering process will be just like ordering food online, "you'll see products, descriptions, pictures, click on a picture and (the product) is added to your cart."

"When you go to check out you can choose whether you want it delivered immediately or set a time for future delivery," he said.

Along the way, shoppers are reminded and prompted that

they must be legal drinking age and will be carded upon delivery. If sufficient identification can't be provided, the order won't be fulfilled. All drivers will carry a "Serving it Safe" certificate.

Down the line, Christopher said Shrugging Doctor is "looking into partnering with other local manufacturers" and adding their products to their delivery offerings.

Now more than two years in the making, he said he's "very, very excited" to finally launch Shrugging Doctor and provide Winnipeggers with a service that was really a "long time coming."



Trailblazing safer spaces for fans

EQUALITY

Festival sets up zero tolerance policy for discrimination

Nigel Moore
For Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg's sixth annual Big Fun Festival is aiming to be more inclusive than ever.

The music festival will showcase more than 45 local and out-of-town artists Wednesday to Sunday, at venues throughout downtown — every one operating under a comprehensive “safer spaces” policy. The policy mandates zero tolerance for discrimination.

Meanwhile, all festival volunteers, venue managers and organizers were required to attend safer spaces training for 2017.

Safer spaces is part of a larger movement with a focus on gender, sexual orientation and the experiences of visible minority groups.

“It’s a conversation, about creating spaces where everyone feels safe, welcome and accepted,” said Lauren Swan, co-founder and marketing director.

“Basically it’s shifting the vibe of places and being cognizant of how different people experience spaces differently — as a person of colour, as a member of the LGBTQ community, or as a woman.”

Big Fun and Manitoba Music



Dream-pop band Living Hour believes inclusivity will open up the festival to a wider array of fans and artists. COURTESY BIG FUN FESTIVAL 2017

will mark the development with Creating Safer Spaces in the Music Community, a free panel at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Fools & Horses.

Organizers attended a panel on safer spaces at Calgary’s Sled Island Music and Arts Festival last June.

“We decided to co-host our

own and bring the conversation a little bit more to the public,” said Swan.

Winnipeg dream-pop five-piece Living Hour will be on stage Friday night at the West End Cultural Centre. It will be the band’s third consecutive appearance at Big Fun Festival.

Guitarist Gil Carroll said

he expects the safer spaces policy will further open up Big Fun to fans and artists in the city, giving them the chance to feel that nobody is being overlooked.

“They’re considering everyone’s feelings and everyone’s abilities, and that’s an important thing for this event. I think

it’s progressive; the way they’re sort of trail-blazing that idea in the city. It’s really cool and we’re really happy to be a part of it,” said Carroll.

Designated safer spaces volunteers will be present at every Big Fun venue. They will be able to intervene should any incidents occur.

+ WHERE TO BE

Here’s a list of the Big Fun Festival 2017 venues around the city.

- West End Cultural Centre
- The Good Will Social Club
- Sherbrook Inn
- Thom Bargaen Coffee & Tea
- The Handsome Daughter
- The Ballroom
- Forth
- RAW:almond pop-up restaurant



It’s shifting the vibe of places and being cognizant of how different people experience spaces.

Lauren Swan

“This is the way the community and the world are moving towards,” said Swan. “We’re opening our eyes, learning more and doing what we can to create spaces where everyone feels welcome.”

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Eclectic music fest turns 26 in style

EVENTS

Orchestra, art institute team to showcase city's culture



Michelle Bailey
For Metro | Winnipeg

The Winnipeg New Music Festival is far from new, but the event is turning 26 in eclectic style this year.

To celebrate opening night, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (WSO), Culture Card and the Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art are partnering again by offering music, art, fashion and food all in one evening at the Centennial Concert Hall.

The festival launches Saturday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. with guest composer Meredith Monk's Canadian premiere of *Weave* for two voices, and the world premiere of Christos Hatzis' *Syn-Phonia: Migration Patterns*.

Following the performance, the concert hall will be the site of the HUB opening night after party at 9 p.m.

"Over 40 local artists, designers, photographers and dancers will have access to this beautiful venue to showcase their incredible talent and entertain party-goers until 2 a.m.," said Culture Card's Arturo Orellana.



The New Music Festival is back, with the HUB's after party at the Centennial Concert Hall. JJ GIL PHOTO

"We experienced great success with this concept last October following the WSO's *Symphonie Fantastique*," said Orellana. "We had over 400 people attend that event and

anticipate the same positive response this Saturday."

Neil Middleton, WSO's VP of Marketing and Sponsorship, said the combination of having the concert then an upbeat and

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Tickets for both the concert and the party are \$40. Tickets for the HUB can be purchased separately at a cost of \$15.

entertaining party right after in the same place is a unique way of attracting new audiences.

"This isn't your grandparent's symphony anymore," Middleton laughed. "What I mean is we recognize the need to be inventive and creative if we want to appeal to a younger demographic and have them gain an interest in all that we have to offer."

In addition to hip-hop music, a virtual reality music studio, gourmet sandwiches made by King+Bannatyne and a complementary beverage from Winnipeg's Little Brown Jug, the party includes a fashion show featuring local streetwear designer Eric Olek, founder of Friday Knights.

Models from Panache Management will be wearing the 26-year-old's creations that are part of his Spring 2017 collection. Olek helped co-ordinate the event and said "I like being able to interact with all facets of the artistic culture Winnipeg has to offer and this concept is a good fit for what I'm trying to do."

ADVOCACY

Wise Up leader 'irate' over amber light times



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Todd Dube's fight against what he calls Winnipeg's "dangerously short" amber light times continued Sunday, and he says he won't rest until something changes.

Through letters to and meetings with city councillors, appeal court appearances, persistent communication with local media and literal street-level protests, Dube's been battling the City of Winnipeg for almost a decade because the traffic light between green and red lasts only four seconds, no matter the road speed.

"I'm more than frustrated, I am livid," Dube said of the ongoing struggle to have anyone with the power to change the

light timing see things his way.

He and former traffic engineers working with his advocacy group Wise Up Winnipeg assert that — in most situations — four seconds isn't enough time to get through an intersection, let alone decide to stop before entering.

Drivers in Winnipeg are therefore forced into split-second lose-lose decisions, Dube said, that result in either a red-light infraction and ticket, or an accident.

Dube believes the result of the short amber times, particularly on 80 km/h roadways, is a "high incidence of collisions before the intersection," predominantly rear-enders.

On Sunday Dube clashed

with Coun. Brian Mayes during a protest at the intersection of Bishop Grandin and St. Mary's Road, with the councillor saying lengthening amber times wouldn't be a magic-bullet solution, and Dube saying it's ridiculous to imagine it not helping.



This information has been in their hands for years.

Todd Dube

"It's basic engineering, level one," he said. "No other city in Canada or the world has a four-second amber time... Winnipeg's is unique."

To prove his point, Dube issued a challenge for councillors to call other jurisdictions or look into their policies and search for a single 80 km/h roadway with four-second amber light timing.

"When we called other cities

to ask about Winnipeg's situation, (noting chronic accidents), a couple thought it was a prank call," Dube said. "They thought there was no way it could be serious, that's how absurd the whole situation is."

Beyond frustrated, Dube said he believes "the city should be held liable for any accidents that occur" at 80 km/h roadway intersections.

"This information has been in their hands for years and they've done nothing," he said.

Dube said he has two appeal court appointments coming up during which he will make his legal case for overturning red-light camera tickets due to the short amber light times.

The city has planned a road safety audit for 2018, when amber lights and other safety engineering features will be on the table for discussion.

Uber, Airbnb bring privacy issues

TECHNOLOGY

Watchdog looks into complaints around sharing economy

The federal privacy watchdog is looking into complaints against so-called "sharing economy" companies for the first time, Torstar has learned.

In documents obtained under access to information law, privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien's office suggested sharing-economy companies such as Uber and Airbnb are creating a "growing risk" to Canadians' private information.

The key question, according to the documents, is who ultimately controls extremely sensitive personal information such as location data and financial information.

"In the sharing economy, certain personal information — going well beyond that traditionally needed for reserving lodging and hailing taxis — is collected to establish identity and trust," the documents read.

"It is of great concern what



Reports in 2014 revealed that Uber had the ability to track users' movements in real time. TORSTAR

might happen with (personal information) in the sharing economy in the event of a breach, especially given lack of clarity regarding accountability."

In other words, unlike hailing a cab or booking a hotel room, some sharing-economy apps compile massive amounts of data on their users. A ride-sharing app can know where

you usually travel — your work, your house, a favourite restaurant — and when you usually go there.

Therrien's office confirmed earlier this month they have now received a number of complaints about sharing economy companies potentially violating Canadians' privacy.

"I can tell you that we are

still in the early stages of looking at this issue," Tobi Cohen, a spokesperson for Therrien, wrote in an email.

"I can, however, confirm that we have received several complaints tied to the sharing economy."

Cohen said the office would not go into any detail about the complaints, due to confidential-

PAST CASES

Uber has run into its fair share of privacy concerns south of the border.

A December 2016 report from the Centre for Investigative Reporting suggested employees at the "ride-booking" company could track the movement of ex-spouses, celebrities and politicians.

In 2014, reports revealed the company had a "God View" of their service, which could track users' movements in real time.

EDMONTON

Driver belongs with pros

Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Four sleepless days on a cellphone put Edmonton race car driver Stefan Rzedzinski on track for the race of his dreams.



Stefan Rzedzinski

Rzedzinski took on the world's top drivers at the Race of Champions Nations Cup in Miami over the weekend — after gathering nearly 10,000 online votes to get there. What's more incredible is that he won two out of three heats, including superstar and 2016 Indianapolis 500 winner Alexander Rossi.

"The first couple days, it was pretty cool hanging out with all those guys. A lot of them are my heroes," Rzedzinski said. "But then on Sunday it was my one chance to do my thing, and just prove I could do what I knew I could and what I've been preparing for my whole life."



A past float in the Apple Blossom Festival. TC MEDIA

NOVA SCOTIA

Diversity, beauty go hand in hand

A Nova Scotia festival that has crowned a queen for more than 80 years is opening up the competition to people of all genders and gender identities.

The Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival has removed long-standing restrictions and will now accept all male and female candidates as long as they have graduated from high school or an equivalent program and are between 18 and 23 years old.

Alys Chamberlain, the festival's vice-president, said Monday that includes transgender candidates.

"To my knowledge, we have not (previously) had a candidate who identifies as transgender," Chamberlain said.

Organizers say they are reach-

ing out to a wider group of people and wanted to make the event more inclusive by removing barriers that once prevented women with children or who had been married from participating. Candidates also had to be single during their reign and could not be pregnant.

"These changes will be beneficial in promoting inclusion within the entire Annapolis Valley," Chamberlain said in a statement. "This will allow new leaders to come forward and be ambassadors for their communities."

Chamberlain said the new rules mean the winner of the leadership competition would be dubbed Queen Annapolis or just Annapolis, if both men and women compete. She says if all of the candidates identify

as male, the awarded title would be King Annapolis.

Chamberlain said people in the area have largely welcomed the changes, some of which the board made previously, before this year's candidate's agreement was released.

"The response from the public has been overwhelmingly positive," she said, adding that the mandate is to "promote young Valley leaders and to help prepare candidates for the business world."

The contest, which begins May 24, first started in 1933 and judged candidates on their "personality, intelligence, clarity, maturity, poise, and overall demonstrated representative behaviour," according to the website.

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ITALY

Questions linger after avalanche

Italian emergency crews pulled three wiggling, white sheepdog puppies out Monday from under tons of snow and rubble at an avalanche-struck hotel, lifting spirits even as the search for 22 people still missing dragged on five days after the disaster.

One more body was located, raising the death toll to seven, and the first survivors of the avalanche were released from the hospital. Questions intensified, however, into whether Italian authorities underestimated the risks facing the snowbound resort in the hours before the deadly avalanche.

Five days after up to 60,000 tons of snow, rocks and uprooted trees plowed into the Hotel Rigopiano in central Italy, rescue crews were still digging by hand or with shovels and chainsaws in hopes of finding more survivors. An excavator reached the site, northeast of Rome, to speed up the search.

The discovery of the three Abruzzo sheepdog puppies in the boiler room raised spirits, even as rescuers located a seventh body.

Jubilant emergency crews carried the pups out in their arms, with one firefighter burying his face in the fluffy white fur to give the dog a kiss. The puppies were born last month to the hotel's resident sheepdogs, Nuvola and Lupo, and were prominently featured on the hotel's Facebook page. Their parents had found their own way out after the Wednesday afternoon avalanche.

Firefighter spokesman Luca Cari, however, stressed that the puppies were found in an isolated part of the hotel and didn't necessarily signal any new hope for finding human survivors.

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New presidency threatens multiple trade agreements

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

U.S. pulled out of 12-country Pacific Rim deal

Setting itself apart from a never-say-die Japan, Canada resigned itself to the death of the Trans-Pacific Partnership on Monday after President Donald Trump made good on his promise to pull the United States out of the trade pact.

Trump called getting out of the TPP "a great thing for the American workers" as he signed an executive order formally removing the U.S. from the controversial 12-country Pacific Rim deal.

There was no immediate comment from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau or Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia

Freeland, who are in Calgary for a two-day cabinet retreat where how best to deal with the Trump team is the main preoccupation.

Canada had been taking a wait-and-see approach to the TPP, with the Liberal government launching a sweeping consultation that appeared

“A TPP without the U.S. would be incredibly difficult.” Yoshihide Suga

designed to postpone a decision until the U.S. resolved the question of whether or not to take part.

Asked whether the government believes the deal can be salvaged, Freeland spokesman Alex Lawrence would only say: "The agreement cannot enter into force without the United States."

Japan, however, continued

to cling to the hope that there was room to salvage the deal by changing Trump's mind.

"A TPP without the U.S. would be incredibly difficult, but we do have a window until 2018, when the treaty needs to be ratified," Yoshihide Suga, a top adviser to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, told

American broadcaster CNBC.

"We believe we still have an opportunity to convince the U.S. about the importance of free trade."

Abe has personally met Trump to push the merits of the deal. Japan has also urged fellow TPP countries, including Canada, to push Trump to reconsider.

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NAFTA's fate unclear

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will meet the new U.S. president within the next several weeks, as the incoming American administration talks to its northern and southern neighbours about a revised North American Free Trade Agreement.

A spokesman for Donald Trump confirmed the upcoming discussions as he held his first daily White House briefing Monday and took questions on trade, counter-terrorism and a dispute over him making misleading statements.

The first NAFTA talks could take place in the U.S., Sean Spicer suggested. He appeared to indicate the leaders would visit Trump. However, in

Canada, several officials said specifics of a meeting had yet to be nailed down.

Spicer said the meetings would happen soon: "Over the next 30 days or so."

The Canadian government heard a reassuring message in Calgary. A presidential adviser attended a federal cabinet retreat to say Canada need not be "enormously worried" about trade. Stephen Schwarzman, who leads the president's Strategic and Policy Forum, said the new administration had an "unusually positive" view of Canada.

"There may be some modifications, but basically things should go well for Canada," said Schwarzman.

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U.S. President Donald Trump gestures in the Oval Office on Monday at the White House.

AFP/GETTY IMAGES

NIGERIA

Hundreds dead at camp bombed by air force

The death toll from the bombing of a refugee camp by Nigeria's air force has climbed to 236, a local official said Monday — a sharp increase from earlier counts. A total of 234 victims were buried in Rann, where the camp is located, while two others died after being evacuated to Maiduguri for medical care, said Babagana Malarima, chairman of the Kala Balge local government council of northeast Borno state. On Jan. 17, Nigeria's air force bombed the camp housing Boko Haram refugees near the Cameroon border.

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TRUMP ADMINISTRATION DIGEST DAY 4

Trump moves to pull plug on federal hiring, international abortion funds

President Donald Trump signed memorandums freezing most federal government hiring — though he noted an exception for the military — and reinstating a ban on providing federal money to international groups that perform abortions or provide information on the option. The regulation, known as the "Mexico City Policy," has been a political volleyball,

instituted by Republican administrations and rescinded by Democratic ones since 1984.

Senate debates CIA pick

The Senate on Monday debated whether to confirm Trump's pick to run the CIA, as Democrats raised questions about whether he is transparent in his beliefs about Russia's meddling in the U.S. election and how he feels about torture.

Senate Republicans had hoped to vote on Rep. Mike Pompeo's nomination Friday,

after Trump's inauguration. But Democrats succeeded in stalling action until they could debate. Sens. Ron Wyden of Oregon, Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut and Patrick Leahy of Vermont objected to what they said was a "rushed confirmation" and demanded more time.

'SNL' writer suspended for tweet about Barron Trump

"Saturday Night Live" writer has been suspended indefinitely after tweeting a poorly received joke

about Trump's 10-year-old youngest son, Barron.

A source not authorized to speak publicly said that Katie Rich was suspended after writing an offensive tweet about the child. An outcry on social media followed, with many calling for a boycott of the show.

'Net neutrality' foe Ajit Pai is new FCC head

Trump has picked a fierce critic of the Obama-era "net neutrality" rules to be chief regulator of the nation's airwaves and

internet connections.

In a statement Monday, Ajit Pai said he was grateful to the president for choosing him as the next chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. Several reports last week had said he was the pick.

Pai had been one of the two Republican commissioners on a five-member panel that regulates the country's communications infrastructure.

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SHUTTLE SERVICE PARIS TESTS DRIVERLESS BUSES Officials in Paris are experimenting with a self-driving shuttle linking two train stations in the French capital. Two electric-power EZ10 minibuses were put into service Monday and will be tested until early April between the Lyon and Austerlitz stations. The GPS-guided vehicles, which can carry up to six seated passengers, are free and will be running seven days a week.

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Oil pipeline breach leaks 200,000 litres

SASKATCHEWAN

Cleanup effort recovers about 170,000 litres

About 200,000 litres of crude oil has been spilled onto agricultural land in southeastern Saskatchewan after a pipeline leak.

The spill was detected Friday at a site 10 kilometres north of Stoughton in a low-lying area with a frozen slough.

Doug MacKnight, assistant deputy minister of Economy, says about 170,000 litres have been recovered so far.

"They'll be removing cover, vacuuming up the oil and then eventually excavating the contaminated soils and taking them away for disposal," MacKnight said late Monday afternoon.

MacKnight says the oil is not entering any creeks or streams.

"Right now, that's the evidence on the ground, yes indeed. But, you know, until all the work's done we won't know a 100 per cent, but right now it

looks like it's been contained to the low area where the oil was discovered," he said.

MacKnight says the government was notified about the spill on Friday, but details were only made public Monday when the volume of the spill became clear.

The land is part of the Ocean Man First Nation.

The Economy Ministry's petroleum and natural gas division will oversee cleanup and pipeline repairs. MacKnight says the province has sent a pipeline engineer to the site, but it will take some time to determine the cause of the spill.

"The excavation, they expect to start on Wednesday to find the damaged pipe," he said.

Tundra Energy Marketing is handling the cleanup, but MacKnight says there are several pipelines in the area and could not confirm that Tundra owns the pipeline that leaked.

"If it turns out it's somebody else's pipe, we'll deal with it at that time," said MacKnight.

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+ HUSKY ENERGY

Last July, a leak in a Husky Energy pipeline near Maidstone, Sask., jeopardized the drinking water of thousands of people.

About 225,000 litres of oil was spilled and about 40 per cent made it into the North Saskatchewan River.

The cities of North Battleford, Prince Albert and Melfort were forced to shut their intakes from the river and find other water sources for almost two months.

Husky's report into the spill said shifting ground was to blame for the pipeline burst.

The company said it recovered about 210,000 litres of oil spilled before it wrapped up shoreline cleanup efforts in October.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON MARCHES TO COME



Whatever took you to the streets last weekend must propel you elsewhere. The resistance takes perseverance.

I'll speak for myself, but I doubt I'm alone: Saturday was euphoric. The sheer numbers of marchers, the global solidarity, the creativity, the humour, the anger, the joy.

The rebellion.

I couldn't comprehend the swell of emotion, even as I felt it. I watched the faces pass me by — thousands of faces — and wondered who they were, and where they came from. I loved them all, these strangers in solidarity, who "put their bodies where their beliefs are," to quote Gloria Steinem in Washington.

"The next 1,459 days of the Trump administration will be 1,459 days of resistance," noted the feminist and civil rights activist Angela Davis, to the same crowd.

It cannot, the message was repeated, be only one instance of action. Whatever took you to the streets on a winter morning must propel you elsewhere, in days to come. The resistance, as it has been dubbed, takes perseverance. Even in Canada.

It would be arrogant to think that the forces that brought Donald Trump to power will skip the 49th parallel. They're already here. They're evident in Kelie Leitch and Kevin O'Leary, both vocal supporters of Trump's tactics and campaign. They're evident in The Rebel — Ezra Levant's project — which seeks to be the next Breitbart, one more hub to advance white nationalist views. Reproductive rights, one

If you do not want this fire to end, don't let it.



Young girls lead hundreds of people at the Women's Memorial March in Vancouver in February 2015. The march, held annually to honour missing and murdered women, is an example of protest actions that newly energized women's-march veterans could consider supporting. THE CANADIAN PRESS

of the loudest cries from protests around the world, are not done and dusted in the True North. There are communities where abortions are still hard to procure, especially remote communities. There are provinces that still enforce far more red tape — costing women time and money — than needed. Now that the abortion pill — Mifegymiso — is finally available, decades after it should have been, women in Canada will still face cumbersome requirements that could make it harder and costlier to get.

The fight to end violence against women remains crucial, here, as everywhere, for women facing abuse from partners, for women facing sexual violence, for women of colour, immigrant women, and Indigenous women.

The fight to bring racial equality to Canada remains, in the Black Lives Matter movement, in Indigenous rights on and off reserve.

The fight against climate change continues to be urgent. As does the need to support women with disabilities, who also face high rates of

sexual violence and many other challenges.

If you're wondering where I got all these talking points from, then perhaps you didn't spend enough time on the Women's March website. It was all there. Before the march, organizers released what was hailed as the most inclusive and progressive agenda many had seen. And in its recognizing that women's rights are entangled with all fights for equality, it almost epitomized intersectional feminism.

The march also declared hundreds of supporting organizations, which represent a plethora of issues. You could — and should — support any one of them, or research organizations in your own city which hold your same views, and put your time, money and body again where your beliefs are.

There is also the no small matter of your elected officials — your city council and mayor, your provincial representation, your member of parliament — who are required to listen to the issues you care about, and who may

respond to the pressure.

Perhaps march organizers could have done more to point the thronging crowds in the direction of future efforts, though some tried. In Toronto, people passed out pamphlets on the fight for a \$15 minimum wage. In Victoria, organizers urged people to attend an upcoming Stolen Sisters Memorial March for missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

At the Washington march, activist and actress America Ferrera told the crowd to text "women" to 40649 to be signed up for information on activism to come. Today, the Women's March released 10 actions in 100 days — an agenda for activism to come. Every person who made the decision to march has my gratitude. But it is also up to each of us to decide what is next.

So if you do not want this fire to end, don't let it.

Rosemary Westwood is a former Metro national columnist. She lives in New Orleans.

Premier pulling from familiar playbook

INSIDE THE PERIMETER

Shannon VanRaes



What do carbon pricing, night hunting and bigotry have in common?

Premier Brian Pallister.

Last week CJ103 Radio reporter Heather Reimer released a recording made during a Progressive Conservative party luncheon at a church hall in Virden. It captured Pallister dodging a carbon pricing question by bringing up the issue of night hunting and blaming young Indigenous men for starting a "race war."

While Pallister's disjointed response may seem like just another misstep in a political career notable for comments like "infidel atheists" and "I hate Halloween," I'd argue his latest comments were strategic, albeit not intended for urban or Indigenous audiences.

The PC government's pragmatic stance on carbon pricing, including a rejection of cap and trade, is out of step with the party's base. In much of rural Manitoba the term "carbon pricing" is quickly replaced by "carbon tax," with many suggesting Pallister follow the lead of Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, who called the federal government's carbon pricing plan "disrespectful" before threatening to sue.

And it's that one word — disrespectful — that exposes the truth. Carbon pricing in rural Manitoba represents far more than an attempt to lower emissions, it epitomizes the growing divide between rural and urban, acting as proxy for concerns and resentment ranging from income levels and emergency response times, to so-called "liberal" values.

You only need to look at the backlash Alberta Premier Rachel Notley faced, including "Lock her up" chants, to know that, for some, the issue goes far deeper than increased costs.

Pallister knows this, too.

That the premier would stoke racism and latent discontent rather than defend his government's position on carbon pricing or address rural communities' disadvantages is shocking. The frightening takeaway is that, within the melting pot of climate change denial, racism, anti-taxation and anti-immigration sentiment that exists in our province — whether we want to acknowledge it or not — our premier is willing to signal to his party's base that while he won't support them in a fight against carbon pricing, he can offer ideological backing of racially charged and divisive views, if not outright racism.

It's the scariest bait-and-switch I've seen in a long time. Particularly because it echoes the current political atmosphere south of the border, where appeals to populist sentiments and feelings of rural alienation have built a political order many saw as unthinkable just a few weeks ago.

It would be tempting to say that the premier has a lot of work to do in bringing people together, to address the issues affecting our country cousins, to build bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, but such a statement seems moot in light of his concerted efforts to divide Manitobans.

Instead I will say that Manitobans must be vigilant against those who would seek to divide and conquer, because together, we are stronger.

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INTERVIEW

Much like her new character, actress has two sides to her

Chris Alexander
For Metro Canada



The first five minutes of Global TV's new series *Mary Kills People* doesn't mess around. In it, beautiful young doctor Mary Harris sits at the bedside of a wealthy man in the final stages of an agonizing illness. As she mixes a deadly cocktail, she explains how this potent potion will do what the man wants: it will end his life. As Mary watches the man quickly slip into the ether, she never leaves his side. But then something goes wrong.

We won't tell you what happens next, but the entire scene encapsulates the emotional and visceral complexity of the six-episode series (which premieres on Global in Canada on Wednesday and on Lifetime in the U.S. on April 23) and gives us a fully realized peek into the plight of its protagonist, deftly played by Quebec-born actress Caroline Dhavernas. Dhavernas is the heart and soul of a show that, using dark humor and wrenching drama, taps into a very real, controversial social issue, that of assisted suicide.

"I think what drew me most to *Mary Kills People* is that way that (series creator) Tara Arm-



Caroline Dhavernas sees her lead character in Global TV's new series *Mary Kills People* as 'a bit of a pioneer'. CONTRIBUTED

strong has handled such an important subject," Dhavernas tells Metro.

"There's lots of grey zones here. As there should be. And Mary is a woman filled with contradictions. As the show progresses, you will find out that she's not just doing this to help people, she's also doing this for personal reasons."

While Mary is mostly right-

eous in her mission, she's in essence a criminal. Though medically assisted dying has been legal in Canada since June 2016, *Mary Kills People* takes place in a world where it's not, meaning Mary is forced to live a double life as an ER doctor and single mother of a teenage daughter, while being trailed by police like the serial killer that legally, she is.

"These moments where Mary is taking human life are so intimate and meaningful for her," Dhavernas insists.

"And the fact that there is the illegal aspect to her work is also probably equally meaningful for her. But she's not a sociopath. She's doing this out of empathy and I see her as a bit of a pioneer, evolving in a world where she cannot progress in

a controlled environment. She has to get away with it. Morally, it's a very intriguing character. And not all of the characters she encounters on her journey agree with her."

It's a joy to see Dhavernas take on such a rich character and be center stage in a series of this calibre. The prolific actress is perhaps best known for her work with noted TV writer

and showrunner Bryan Fuller in hit shows like *Wonderfalls* and *Hannibal*, but before she became a celebrity in the English-speaking world, she was first a star in French Canada, appearing in Quebecois film and television since childhood. She continues to do so.



She's not a sociopath, she's doing this out of empathy.

Caroline Dhavernas

"It's funny, because I have this duality," says the actress.

"There are those two solitudes, it's true. I have been working in Quebec as an actor since I was eight years old, so when I moved to New York when I was 21, it was strange — no one knew who I was! So I had to start again. But the beauty of it was that I had all this experience as an actor under my belt."

And though the first season of *Mary Kills People* consists of just six episodes, we'd certainly like to see more of Dhavernas' elegant mercy killer on screen. So would she.

"There are talks to do a second season and I hope there is. The writers already have some great ideas. I guess we just have to see how well this first round does."

Mary Kills People airs Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 9 p.m. on Global Television.



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Praying for some holy logic

THE SHOW: *The Young Pope*, Season 1, Episode 2 (HBO)

THE MOMENT: The marketing meeting

Pope Pius XIII (Jude Law) is having the first meeting of his new papacy — with the Vatican's marketing expert, Sofia (Cecile de France).

She tells him that a sizeable slice of the Vatican budget relies on merchandise bearing the Pope's image. He holds up a plain white plate.

"This is the sort of merchandise I'm prepared to authorize," Pius says. He tells her there will be no images of him, not even photographs.

She tells him he's committing media suicide. He counters that the most important cultural figures are enigmas: Salinger, Kubrick, Banksy.

Sofia says he's not an artist, but a head of state. "Yes," he replies. "And in order to survive, its leader has to make himself as unreachable as a rock star."

She nods, intrigued. "The Vatican survives on hyperbole," he says. "So we will generate hyperbole in reverse."

I've seen three episodes of this series, and I still don't get it. On the one hand, it depicts Pius as modern and irreverent, the wily boss of a large corporation. On the other, he's full of fire and brimstone about God. I'm fine if a main character is unpredictable, but there has to be a logic, an inevitability to what he does.

Series creator Paolo Sorrentino is in thrall to images. Nuns playing slo-mo soccer, the Pope's red shoes. He wants images of the Pope shocking people. He wants images of the Pope praying fiercely. He doesn't care if so far, he doesn't have a through line there.

But so far, I do.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Jude Law's *Young Pope* is depicted as a wily corporate boss but also full of religious fire and brimstone. CONTRIBUTED

Working hard on a cure for crippling shyness

ADVICE

If your nerves keep you from finding love, it's time to talk

Sofi Papamarko
Torstar News Service

Putting yourself out there romantically can be all kinds of scary. The simple act of asking somebody on a date can prompt sweaty palms, an elevated heart rate and other symptoms related to anxiety. Love is fight. Love is flight.

As a wise man once said, "shyness is nice, but shyness can stop you from doing all the things in life you'd like to." It takes courage and some measure of self-confidence to ask somebody out. But what if you have neither? Then you might just be love-shy.

The Forty Year-Old Virgin is a movie concept that supposedly borders on the absurd, but it's astonishing how many match-making clients I meet in their 30s, 40s and beyond who have never dated. It's not because there's anything wrong with them; in fact, they happen to be particularly introspective, intelligent and sensitive people. It's just that they're too afraid of rejection to express romantic interest in anyone — ever.

"Shyness has always been an



Attraction may raise the stakes, but according to one expert, it's not the end of the world when we are rejected, as long as we learn lessons to take forward. ISTOCK

issue for me," a recent match-making client explained. "If there's an attractive woman, I can only steal glances. I have never had the courage to ask anyone out. At work, it feels too risky to ask single co-workers on a date in case it doesn't end well."

If an overwhelming fear of romantic rejection sounds silly to you, consider your own fears and how unreasonable they may seem to others. Spiders? Heights? Clowns? Fear is fear; sometimes those fears can be as debilitating as they are un-

founded.

"The fear of rejection can stop us from taking risks and the problem is exacerbated if we are extremely attracted to the other person," says Christopher Gray, author of *From Shy to Social: The Shy Man's Guide to Personal and Dating Success* and a formerly love-shy person.

"Attraction raises the stakes. In reality, it's not the end of the world when we are rejected. In fact, rejection is a normal part of life. You may not realize it at the time, but rejection has

the potential benefit of forcing us to improve ourselves, for a greater chance of success in the future."

Talking through your anxieties with a therapist and/or doing CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) can help. But you can also tackle this by taking a lot of smaller steps, which is how Gray eventually overcame his own love-shyness.

"The first step was recognizing that it was a personal problem, not a problem with society not giving shy guys a chance," he says. "I took several courses designed to get me out and interacting with people, including acting and improv."

Over time, Gray gained the confidence required to initiate friendly conversations. Once that got easier, he began asking women out. "I experienced plenty of rejection along the way, but over time my success rate got better, leading to a normal dating life and eventually to a very rewarding relationship."

Being love-shy is a challenge that can be overcome with determination and support. If you live with love-shyness, know that you're not doomed to repeat the same lonely narrative for the rest of your life. Remember that you're worthwhile and worthy of love. It's time to get out of your own way.

Sofi Papamarko is a writer and matchmaker who lives in Toronto.



A daughter cares for her mother diagnosed with a genetic form of early-onset Alzheimer's in *Every Minute Counts*. AP

DOCUMENTARY

Every minute counts in Alzheimer's fight

In 2004, PBS aired a film about Alzheimer's disease.

The grim takeaway:

- It's incurable and deadly.
- With the aging of the U.S. population the number of cases is skyrocketing accordingly.
- The cost of this coming epidemic is destined to be financially ruinous, not only on an individual basis, but also as a public-health crisis.

That was then, in 2004. But the situation has grown only more dire, says an important new documentary, *Alzheimer's: Every Minute Counts*, which airs Wednesday at 10 p.m. EST on PBS.

According to this program, there are now more than 5 million Americans with Alzheimer's disease, with the number projected to soar by 55 per cent by 2030, while future costs associated with it threaten to bankrupt Medicare, Medicaid and the life savings of millions of Americans.

Alzheimer's: Every Minute Counts was produced and directed by Elizabeth Arledge, who a dozen years ago produced the Emmy-winning *The*

Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's.

That report mainly focused on the human tragedy of a degenerative brain disease that sentences each victim to a progressive loss of memory and sense of self and, over time, an inability even to swallow and breathe.

For her new documentary, Arledge has taken a different tack.

"This is not another examination of the heartache," she explained recently. "Instead, it's more about how this personal tragedy is now going to become a tragedy for the whole country if nothing changes in the trajectory of the disease. We look at the epidemic as a main character in the film."

All in all, *Every Minute Counts* is an alarming hour. But it isn't without hope.

"There are a lot of promising things in development," says Arledge. "With enough support to bring them across the finish line, they could make a difference in the next five or 10 years."

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Class group key to ADHD

Whether a child is born early or late in the school year can be an indicator of how likely they are to be medicated for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder — or ADHD — according to a new study.

Published in the *Medical Journal of Australia* on Monday, the study found that children born in the last possible month of school year admission were significantly more likely to receive "pharmacological treatment" for the disorder than children born in the first possible month of admission.

In other words,

the youngest kids in the class are far more likely to be medicated for ADHD.

The paper is line with similar studies, including one that looked at almost 1 million Canadian children in 2012. It found the youngest boys in the class were 30 per cent more likely to be diagnosed with ADHD, and 41 per cent more likely to be medicated.

This comes less than a week after research found that one in 20 children Ontario are diagnosed with ADHD, and many of them are prescribed antipsychotic drugs — despite not having any other other mental health diagnoses.

COLIN MCNEIL/METRO



Girls just wanna have fright

FILM PRODUCTION

First all-female horror project breaks barriers at Sundance

Most people would say the main purpose of horror film is to scare the bejeebers out of us.

Not the women behind XX, the first all-female horror anthology, which had its world premiere early Monday at the Sundance Film Festival. They see fright films as a form of empowerment and advancement.

"It was created in direct response to the lack of opportunities for women in film, particularly in the horror genre," Toronto writer/director Jovanka Vuckovic told a packed and cheering audience at the Library Theatre, which braved a very dark and snow-stormy night to attend the midnight screening.

"We're very, very happy that you're all here to share this historic moment with us ... I think that the horror genre is badly in need of new perspectives and women have that to offer in spades."

The films had three rules, said Vuckovic, who is also one of the producers of XX: they had to be written by women, directed by women and star women in key roles.

Vuckovic, an award-winning filmmaker whose first short The Captured Bird was executive produced by horrormeister Guillermo del Toro, wrote and directed The Box, the first of the four mini horrors, each about 20 minutes long, that are bundled in XX. The anthology is scheduled for a Feb. 17 theatrical release.

Filmed in Toronto, The Box begins aboard a crowded TTC train where a frazzled mother (Natalie Brown) is taking her two young children, a son and a daughter, home for supper after an exhausting day of fun. They sit next to an odd little man holding a large present, brightly wrapped in red paper, who offers a peek inside to the curious son.

What happens next needs to be seen, not described, but it's not out of place to mention that a scene from Night of the Living Dead will pop up on the family's TV screen later that night.

The other shorts are The Birthday Party by Annie Clark, aka the pop star known as St. Vincent, who makes her directorial debut with XX; Don't Fall by Roxanne Benjamin, who made her directing debut with the male-dominated 2015 horror anthology



Directors Roxanne Benjamin, from left, Annie Clark, Jovanka Vuckovic and Sofia Carrillo collaborated on the horror anthology, XX, which will get its theatrical release February 17. TAYLOR JEWELL/INVISION/AP

Southbound; and Her Only Living Son by Karyn Kusama, whose groundbreaking female boxing film Girlfight won the 2000 director's prize at Sundance.

of," Benjamin said. "It's many things. It's that sense of creeping dread, it's building tension, unease."

Is there something about the XX shorts that makes them particularly female?

Only, perhaps, in that three of the four films involve a mother or maternal figure attempting to shield children from advancing terror.

As with male-directed horror films, there's no shortage of blood, gore, screams, jump scares and things that go bump in the night.

The four films within XX are all strikingly original, with the exception of Kusama's Her Only Living Son, which borrows a little too freely from Roman Polanski's Rosemary's Baby.

Kusama was the only one of the XX directors not

present at the screening. She skipped Sundance so she could participate in the Women's March on Washington over the weekend to protest the new administration of U.S. President Donald Trump.

She sent a note, read to the audience, about how she views Trump's rise as a form

of evil that horror films can help exorcise.

"I think we're seeing very clearly that there is indeed evil in the world," Kusama wrote. "And I'm happy that the four of us have a chance to interpret, give voice to and resist some of that evil."

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Gossip DIGEST

ANIMAL RIGHTS PETA to at protest A Dog's Purpose screenings

Animal rights group PETA tells TMZ it has plans to protest outside theatres showing A Dog's Purpose, the film that's earned controversy for its alleged mistreatment of a German Shepherd during filming.

A behind-the-scenes video posted by TMZ on Jan. 18 purports to show the dog, named Hercules, distressed and struggling with a handler as he is forced into churning water during filming in Winnipeg.

The gossip mill reports protesters may be planning to shame anyone buying a ticket at the box office to the new film. COLIN MCNEIL/METRO

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The Last Jedi revealed as new Star Wars movie title

Star Wars: Episode VIII finally has a title — The Last Jedi. The Walt Disney Co. announced the title for the next chapter in the Skywalker saga on Monday. Star Wars: The Last Jedi will be released Dec. 15.

Speculation over just who the last Jedi is immediately ran rampant on social media. The Force Awakens chronicled Rey discovering her powers with the Force, but ended ominously with Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) on a remote island. If there's to be just one Jedi left, Luke's days could be numbered. Hamill (above) said he liked that the title was "minimalist."



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The four films are connected by a wonderfully sinister animated sequence involving a creepy doll, directed by Sofia Carrillo, who has obviously seen a Tim Burton film or two, and who really qualifies as the fifth director of this anthology.

"I think what we're trying to do is show that (horror) is not all just that one thing that people have the image



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OUTDOOR FUN

Pro tips on how to get the most out of winter riding

Jason Menard

The thought of hitting a freshly groomed trail and exploring the great outdoors can be thrilling to many. But before you hit the off-road, there are a few things of which all snowmobilers should be aware.

"It is important to tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return," said Yvonne Rideout, executive director, Snoman, Inc., a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing leadership and support to its member clubs, and to developing safe and environmentally responsible snowmobile trails in Manitoba. "To ensure a comfortable ride, dress for the weather conditions and the length of trip. A helmet with a shield or goggles must be worn."

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And just as you would with any recreational vehicle, whether it's going boating in the summer, or exploring trails on your ATV, you're going to want to take a few moments to ensure that your vehicle is in good working order.



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Dress for the weather conditions and the length of trip. A helmet with a shield or goggles must be worn

Yvonne Rideout, executive director, Snoman, Inc.

"Before leaving for a ride do a pre-ride inspection checking your controls, lights and switches, oil and fuel, and drivetrain and chassis," she added.

But the mechanical is only part of what makes up a successful ride. Understanding the rules of the off road and practicing common ride courtesy are also of the utmost importance.

"It is important to practice trail etiquette and keep to your

right, always yield to uphill traffic and slow down when someone is passing you," Rideout added. "Stay on the designated trail and do not trespass on private property. We encourage riding with a friend, since one is a lonely number."

And once you're finished, what key things should you do to get the most out of your long-term experience?

"Do an overall check of your

sled and clear it of any ice that may have collected during the ride," Rideout explained.

Overall, the most important thing to know is that snowmobiling can be a lot of fun — and by taking just a few precautions and adhering to a few rules, you can ensure that you'll enjoy the experience for years to come.

"As an owner or operator of a snowmobile, you can look forward to lots of fun and excitement exploring Manitoba's great outdoors," Rideout said. "When ridden responsibly, snowmobiles provide safe and exciting opportunities for families and groups to enjoy the outdoors during the winter months."

+ INNOVATION AND EXPLORATION

Canadians have been exploring the trails and off-roads of this great country for hundreds of years. And while there are a number of long-standing traditions and classic equipment that make up the sport, there's still room for innovation and change.

According to Yvonne Rideout, executive director, Snoman, Inc., one of the most exciting new changes is in the form of a new way to explore the trails.

The snow bike

"One of the new technologies is the snow bike which is proving to be better in deep snow than snowmobiles and is attractive to younger riders," she said.

"As it relates to snowmobile suits they have come a long way from being bulky to very light weight and reflective, allowing other riders to see you on the trail."

The advent of the snow bike has helped draw new people to the sport, Rideout added.

"With the introduction of the snow bike, which is not yet as popular in Manitoba as in some other jurisdictions, we will be seeing younger riders being engaged in snow activities," she explained, adding that there is a made-in-Canada Yeti Snow MX in production.

Tech and safety

Like its cousin, the automobile industry, snowmobiles are constantly improving to meet an in-

creasing demand for cleaner technologies, reduced emissions, and a more pleasant ride.

"There are always improvements to emissions and sound levels," she said. "The introduction of the four-stroke engine certainly helped in these areas."

In addition, off-trail activities are combining to feed into the interest of the sport and improve the overall safety.

"You never know what's around a corner so ride with caution and ride to your ability — if a club contacts Snoman about a caution on the trail system, the organization shares that on social media [Facebook]," she said, adding that many riders also post photos of their rides and their experiences on social networks. "Riders often take lots of photos which can be shared on Facebook encouraging new riders."

Classic tools

But, as is often the case, the classics are classics for a reason. And despite all the new advances in technology, a successful trip relies on the old classics — a set of tools and a first-aid kit.

"Snowmobile manufacturers generally include a basic tool kit inside each snowmobile's hood or under its seat," Rideout added.

"Also, a first aid kit should be included on your trip and there are a lot of compact kits available commercially."

"Make every trip a round trip." JASON MENARD

Watch for hazards on the trail. Stay alert.

Guy wires attached to hydro poles usually have bright covers but they can be hard to see when buried by snow.

When snowmobiling, beware of thin ice near hydro dams.

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"If you know someone it doesn't mean you agree with everything they say or they do": Tom Brady spoke to Boston radio about friend Donald Trump



Ducks' Getzlaf gets job done

NHL

Ehlers and Copp strike but Jets edged by Pacific leaders Anaheim

Ryan Getzlaf's third-period goal came on the power play and was the game-winner as the Anaheim Ducks edged the Winnipeg Jets 3-2 on Monday night at MTS Centre.

Logan Shaw and Rickard Rakell also scored for Anaheim (27-14-9). Andrew Copp and Nikolaj Ehlers scored for Winnipeg (22-24-4).

In a game that saw a combined seven power-play opportunities and over 30 minutes in penalties, the Jets and Ducks battled in a physical and chippy affair.

Jets goaltender Ondrej Pavelec stopped 24 shots and suffered his first loss of the season since the longtime Winnipeg starter was recalled from the American Hockey League a week ago.

Ducks No. 2 netminder Jonathan Bernier turned away 30 shots to capture his eighth win of the season.

The Jets only lead of the game came early as Copp opened the scoring 2:14 into the first period. Copp's sixth goal of the season came as the second-year pro was sprung alone at the top of the circle on a feed from Mark Scheifele that Copp wristed stick side past Bernier.

Shaw quickly tied the game for Anaheim less than two minutes later, quickly burying a Cam Fowler rebound on the rush for



The Anaheim Ducks' Josh Manson hits Winnipeg Jets forward Blake Wheeler between the benches during first period at MTS Centre Monday night. TREVOR HAGAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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his second of the season.

Rakell's goal came just 1:25 after Shaw's equalizer, as Rakell beat Pavelec between his shoulder and the post on a sharp

angle. Rakell's fourth goal in his last seven games puts his season total at 20.

The Ducks added to their lead at 8:48 of the third as Getzlaf tipped a Shea Theodore shot in the slot to make it 3-1 Anaheim.

With Winnipeg's Adam Lowry and Anaheim's Antoine Vermette both off with coincidental minors and the two clubs playing four-on-four, Ehlers raced into the Anaheim zone and

scored his 17th of the season on an impressive near-breakaway and diving effort.

The Jets improving power play, entering the night ranked 15th (18.5 per cent) in the NHL, went 0 for 5 against a Ducks penalty kill unit ranked 10th (82.7 per cent) in the league.

The Ducks eighth-ranked power play (21.6 per cent) went 1 for 2 against Winnipeg's struggling 26th-ranked penalty

kill (77.4 per cent).

The Jets complete a four game home stand with the second of a back-to-back Tuesday night as they host the San Jose Sharks.

Following a quick two-game road trip through Minnesota and Winnipeg, the Ducks return home for two games beginning with a date with the Edmonton Oilers on Wednesday.

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CFL

Burris, 41, set to call it a career

Veteran CFL quarterback Henry Burris will announce his retirement on Tuesday, ending his career on top after leading the Ottawa Redblacks to a Grey Cup title last season.

The Redblacks have called a news conference for Tuesday and a source confirmed that Burris would be announcing he's decided to call it quits.

The 41-year-old guided the Redblacks to a dramatic 39-33 overtime win over the favoured Calgary Stampeders in the CFL championship game — despite suffering a knee injury in the warm-up — throwing for 461 yards and three TDs while rushing for two more en route to being named the game's MVP.

Burris will finish his CFL career with three Grey Cups (1998 and 2008 with Calgary were the others) and two outstanding player awards (2010, 2015). He's third in all-time passing yards (63,227) and TDs (374).

He also spent time in the NFL with Chicago and Green Bay (2001-2002) and is the seventh-leading passer in professional football history with 64,023 yards. Despite Burris's Grey Cup heroics, the Redblacks had planned to enter 2017 with Trevor Harris as their starter, a move that reportedly contributed to Burris's decision to retire.

Burris's departure will leave Toronto's Ricky Ray as the CFL's leading active all-time passer with 54,883 yards. But Ray, 37, is also pondering his future this off-season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Number of Grey Cups Henry Burris has won in his career.

NHL

Smith extends his stay with Senators

The Ottawa Senators have signed forward Zack Smith to a four-year contract extension worth US\$13 million.

The Senators said in a release that the extension through the 2020-21 season carries an annual average value of \$3.25 million per year.

Smith, 28, has 11 goals and 11 assists in 43 games this season and is averaging a career-high 16 minutes 13 seconds per game.

The native of Maple Creek,



Zack Smith
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Ottawa's third-round pick (79th overall) in the 2008 NHL Draft.

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Sask., set career highs with 25 goals and 36 points in 2015-16. He has 75 goals and 61 assists in 443 NHL games, all with the Senators.

Smith was

IN BRIEF

Royals' pitcher Ventura honoured in his homeland

Dozens of children wearing blue T-shirts with the name "Ventura" on the back gathered at a coastal home to pay respects to their idol: Yordano Ventura. Las Terrenas, Dominican Republic has declared two days of mourning.

The Royals pitcher died Sunday in a car crash in his homeland, where he was known for practising with his former youth baseball team every time he visited home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS

Algeria bows out as Tunisia progress

Algeria was eliminated from the Africa Cup of Nations in a goal rush in the final games in Group B on Monday. The one-time title contender drew 2-2 with Senegal and saw Tunisia go through to the quarter-finals in its place by beating Zimbabwe 4-2.

Ten goals flew in at the culmination of the group in Gabon but Algeria's fate was effectively sealed quickly when North African rival Tunisia went 2-0 up very early over the Zimbabweans with strikes from Niam

Sliti and Youssef Msakni. Algeria needed Tunisia to lose in Libreville, Gabon, to have a chance of progressing to the quarters. Senegal had already qualified for the quarter-finals.

In Franceville, Algeria twice led Senegal but Senegal twice equalized, leaving Algeria to exit the tournament without a win.

Two of the four quarter-final lineups have been decided: Tunisia will play Burkina Faso, and Senegal will play Cameroon.

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Henry Burris GETTY IMAGES

Hadwin hopes big day sets 2017 trend

PGA TOUR

B.C. linksman riding high after Canadian record 59 score

A routine putt had Adam Hadwin rattled.

All that stood between the Canadian golfer and a third-round score of 59 at the PGA Tour's CareerBuilder Challenge on Saturday was a three-foot putt on the 18th hole. A shot that he's made time and time again over his golf career suddenly seemed daunting with history on the line.

"It's amazing that it came down to that one putt basically. I was extremely nervous, I was shaking," Hadwin said Monday. "The first thought that entered my mind was, 'don't miss,' and the second thought was that I had done it thousands of times

and I just needed to do it once more, and finish off the good round."

Hadwin made the shot, becoming just the eighth golfer, and first Canadian, to shoot a round below 60 on the PGA Tour.

Hadwin's previous lowest round in competition was 62 at a Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada event early in his pro career. He admitted he was thinking about history and doing the math in his head on Saturday.

"You don't get into that rhythm or mindset very often," he said. "It didn't seem to matter what I did. If I was putting from eight, 10, 16, or 20 feet, I made everything."

Hadwin ended up second at the CareerBuilder Challenge, earning just over \$626,000 US. He said celebrations were muted after his historic round as he knew he was entering Sunday's final 18 with a chance to win a PGA title.



Adam Hadwin is back in the PGA Tour field this week at San Diego's Farmers Insurance Open. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES

"I had dinner and went to bed, the same thing I did all week," Hadwin said. "My father is down here, my fiancée travels with me, and I had my godfather here. We went home, had some steaks and a glass of wine with dinner. Nothing changed."

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I was extremely nervous, I was shaking.

Adam Hadwin on hitting his putt to secure a 59.

Hadwin nailed a lengthy birdie putt on the 17th hole Sunday to come into the final hole of the tournament just one shot back of the lead. But

couldn't convert a birdie on the 18th as Hudson Swafford captured his first PGA Tour title.

Hadwin knocked in a tricky

shot for par to secure second place and his highest payday on Tour.

This was the second year in a row Hadwin was in the final group at the CareerBuilder Challenge. He said he feels comfortable playing golf in the desert and is familiar with the courses in La Quinta, Calif.

He also said the Canadian fan support was special.

"There was a lot of support, and I think it helped. It made me feel pretty good about what I was doing, and it definitely adds to my confidence," he said.

There will be time for more celebrations soon. Hadwin and his partner Jessica Dawn will be married in March in Phoenix. He proposed in May in a game of hangman, spelling out "Will you marry me" in blank spaces as the puzzle's solution.

"Everything is coming together, but I'm going to take zero credit for everything so far," he said with a laugh.

Hadwin has been on the PGA Tour since 2015 after he won twice on the Web.com Tour circuit and earned full status thanks to his position on the money list. His previous best finish on the PGA Tour was a tie for fourth at the 2011 RBC Canadian Open at Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club in Vancouver, about an hour away from where he grew up in Abbotsford, B.C.

He said his result Sunday is going to be good for his confidence this season.

"The first couple of days I felt like I was playing pretty well. But to make everything on Saturday and have one of those days, it got me back into the tournament and I created a little history in the round as well," he said. "I was happy to be in this position early in the year. It sets me up for future events, shows I can compete, hang in there, and have a chance to win golf tournaments."

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Flu-stricken Milos survives Agut-check

Canada's Milos Raonic has advanced to the quarter-finals at the Australian Open for the third straight year after a 7-6 (6), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 win over Roberto Bautista Agut.

Raonic, who's been ill with the flu for the past few days, struggled at the outset against the 13th-seeded Spaniard. He rallied from 5-1 down in the first-set tiebreaker to win the opening set, then was broken twice in the second set.

But Bautista Agut began to



Milos Raonic
GETTY IMAGES

falter midway through the third set when the roof at Hisense Arena was closed due to a passing rain shower, and he later had to call for a trainer to work on his leg.

"I was very fortunate to get through today," Raonic said. "There were moments where it wasn't looking so good."

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IN BRIEF

Raptors' top scorer DeRozan out for 2 games

Toronto Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan will miss at least two games with a sprained right ankle.

DeRozan suffered the injury in the fourth quarter of Toronto's 115-103 loss to Phoenix Suns on Sunday.

Toronto, which has lost three straight games, hosts San Antonio on Tuesday before heading to Memphis on Wednesday.

DeRozan is scheduled to start in next month's NBA all-star game. THE CANADIAN PRESS

F1 revamps from the top

Bernie Ecclestone's reign at Formula One ended after Liberty Media officially completed its takeover of the series on Monday, and named American Chase Carey as the new chief executive.

Carey acted quickly by naming former Mercedes team principal Ross Brawn as managing director of motorsports, a move that is expected to be widely welcomed as the series prepares for a set of rule changes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUTO RACING

NASCAR overhauls race, playoff format

NASCAR is dramatically changing its format, cutting every race into stages in hopes of making every lap matter.

The overhaul announced Monday assigns three stages to every race. The top 10 drivers at the end of Stage 1 and Stage 2 will be awarded points on a 10-through-1 scale and there will be a break after each segment. The third portion will be for the overall win, and although traditional point scoring will be applied for that stage, the win will be

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Every lap of every race matters.

NASCAR driver Denny Hamlin

worth 40 points. The rest of the field will be scored on a 35 to 2 scale, and positions 36th to 40 will only receive 1 point.

Bonus points accumulated through the 26-race season can be used in the 10-race playoff.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Zesty Artichoke and Spinach Roll-Up Lasagna



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This updated classic packs a healthy dose of veggies.

Ready in 55 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients

- 1 box (13.25 oz) lasagne sheets, fresh, pre-cooked or cooked
- 2 cups tomato sauce
- 2 cups fresh baby spinach
- 2 cups ricotta cheese
- 1 cup grated Parmesan
- 1/2 to 1 (6 oz) jar artichoke hearts, drained
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup grated Fontina cheese, divided
- 1 cup grated mozzarella cheese

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350. Ladle thin layer of sauce on bottom of a 9' x 13' inch baking dish.
2. In food processor, add spinach,

ricotta, Parmesan, artichoke, egg and salt and process until creamy.

3. Create a rolling station by laying noodles out on a flat surface (lined with parchment) and mix Fontina and mozzarella in a bowl. Take a heaping Tbsp ricotta mixture and create a thin layer across the entire lasagna noodle. Sprinkle with Fontina and mozzarella mix.

4. Gently roll up noodle from one end to the other. Place roll-up seam side down in the prepared baking dish and repeat until all the lasagna noodles are filled. Pour more tomato sauce over lasagna roll-ups and sprinkle with remaining Fontina and mozzarella mix.

5. Loosely cover the baking dish with aluminum foil, and bake for 15 minutes. Remove foil, bake for another 15 minutes. Garnish with parsley if desired.

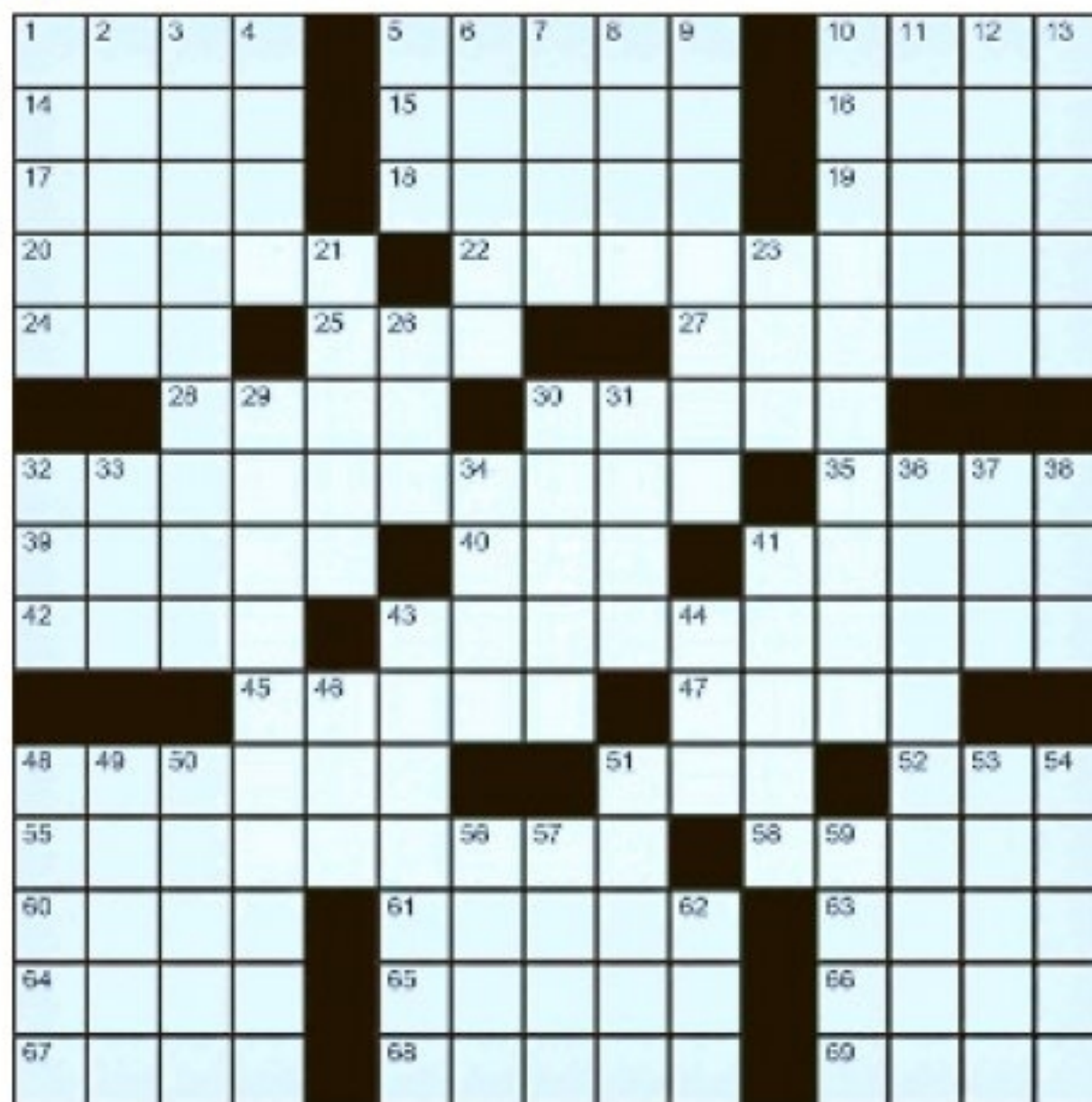
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5. Q. "Do you know ___" is a Taylor Swift album?
- A. "Yes, and it was released in 2012."
10. Dog breed, ___-Pei
14. Sound in the famous Alka-Seltzer commercial song
15. "___ go on?"
16. Mariah Carey hit
17. The ___ (Famous mountains in Europe)
18. Varieties
19. Casino likelihoods
20. Ten Commandments receiver
22. Calgary's famous annual events
24. Scand. land
25. Mr. Sajak
27. Menswear designer
28. House, hip-style in Louisiana
30. Marshy water
32. Emergency 'beds' in hospitals
35. Quite
39. Feudal lord
40. Build up the barracks
41. Christina Aguilera's "___ in a Bottle"
42. Himalayas legend
43. Super swift dogs
45. Musical group of nine
47. City in Quebec
48. Big desert
51. High deg.
52. "You're it!" game
55. Transversely
58. Lightly fry



60. Ms. Downey of "Touched by an Angel"
61. Angered
63. ___-Raspberry (Ocean Spray flavour)
64. Ed of "Daniel Boone"
65. Consumer advocate Ralph

66. Gent's gender
67. City's green area
68. Surnamesakes of Will who portrayed Grandpa on "The Waltons"
69. Letters to follow Kays

DOWN

1. Markets via unwanted email
2. Grant
3. Classified: 2 wds.
4. Basilica area
5. Fountain filler
6. Canadian songstress of "Mushaboom"
7. Broadway musical

8. Scandinavian tale
9. Lets down
10. Two words to complete Toronto attraction 'The Bata'
11. Ms. Hopper of Hollywood's hey-day gossip
12. "I Would Die for You" singer Jann
13. Actress, Portia de ___
21. Cattiness
23. Quid Quo link
26. ...D, E, F, G
29. Prairie place, partially puny-ly: 2 wds.
30. Brimless cap
31. Drill Sergeant's force
32. Mr. Stallone, to pals
33. Fasten
34. Competitor in fables
36. Artificial
37. "El ___" (1961)
38. Fellows
41. Olympic champ's hauls
43. Eating away at
44. "You're such a comedian."
46. Surgeon's work in them, for short
48. Abandon, as junk
49. Fragrance
50. Bart Simpson's dad
51. ___ Paul and Mary
53. In the least
54. Trait carriers
56. Latin hymn, with Dies
57. "Smooth Operator" singer
59. Wile E. Coyote supplier
62. Julia's actor brother/Emma's father ...his initials-sharers

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
It's important to know that your interactions with others will benefit you now. Therefore, be friendly with others. Join classes, groups, clubs and organizations.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
With the Sun at the top of your chart, you'll look good to bosses, VIPs, parents and people in authority (including the police). This means this week is a good time for you to go after what you want.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Grab every chance to travel, because you need a change of scenery. Of course, by nature, you are curious. You love variety and stimulation.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Now is the time to focus on red-tape items like inheritances, wills, shared property, taxes and insurance issues. Wrap up what you can.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You need more sleep this week. This is also a good time to observe your style of relating to others. Perhaps you can learn something from this.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Because you have high standards for yourself, you will want to work efficiently so that you can be as productive as possible — go with this urge! Make hay while the sun shines.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This whole week is a lovely and playful time for you. Enjoy sports events, social times with friends, playful activities with children and the arts. Romance might blossom, too!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your focus on home, family and your personal life continues at this time. In fact, your interactions with a parent could be significant. Relax and cocoon at home if you can.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Accept the fact that the pace of your day is accelerating with short trips, errands and increased reading and writing. You're busier than a termite in a yoyo.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You're never casual about money. And of course, you hate waste. That's why you're giving your cash flow and earnings a lot of thought now.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a strong time for you, which is why you easily attract the attention of others. Not only do you attract people to you, you also can attract favorable situations.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Work alone or behind the scenes today, because this is a quiet time for you. Research of any kind will go extremely well

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